

ATTACHMENT A

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT GRANT FUNDING PROJECT ORDINANCE

WHEREAS, on March 10, 2020, Governor Cooper, by Executive Order 116, declared a state of emergency to prevent the spread of COVID-19; and,

WHEREAS, on March 27, 2020, Executive Order 121 imposed a statewide Stay at Home Order, directing people to stay at home except to visit essential businesses, exercise outdoors or help family members; banned gatherings of more than 10 people; and directed everyone to physically stay at least 6 feet apart from others; and,

WHEREAS, the pandemic has dramatically impacted the local economy, including local government revenues; and,

WHEREAS, the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) signed into law on March 11, 2021, provides funding to state and local governments to assist with pandemic rescue and recovery efforts; and,

WHEREAS, ARPA funds may be used for 1) revenue replacement for the provision of government services to the extent the reduction in revenue is due the COVID-19 public health emergency; 2) premium pay to essential employees; 3) assistance to small businesses, nonprofits, household and hard-hit industries, and economic recovery; and 4) investments in water, sewer and broadband infrastructure; and,

WHEREAS, the Town of Carrboro is estimated to receive an estimated \$6.2 million of ARPA funding; and,

WHEREAS, all funding must be spent by the end of calendar year 2024; and,

WHEREAS, the Town is a “non-entitlement unit of local government” Treasury will allocate and pay funds to state governments and the state will distribute funds to non-entitlement units of local government; and,

WHEREAS, the Town Council deems it to be in the best interest of the Town and the additional revenue from the ARPA will significantly aid in the Town’s pandemic rescue and recovery efforts.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF CARRBORO THAT:

1. The Town accepts funding from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) in the amount of \$6.2 million or any other dollar amount as may be granted to the Town under the ARPA.
2. ARPA funds are to be used for the following activities:

- a. revenue replacement for the provision of government services to the extent the reduction in revenue is due the COVID-19 public health emergency;
 - b. premium pay to essential employees;
 - c. assistance to small businesses, household and hard-hit industries, and economic recovery; and
 - d. investments in water, sewer and broadband infrastructure;
3. The Town Council shall review and approve specific programs and/or activities developed to carry out the activities identified in Section 2 above.
4. ARPA funds will be used in compliance with provisions of the ARPA and other directives issued by the US Treasury Department or other federal agencies.
5. The Town Manager is authorized to enter into any grant agreement or other agreement, certifications, and conditions necessary to secure ARPA funds.
6. A Special Revenue Fund entitled “American Rescue Plan Act” is to be established for the purpose of accounting for these funds,
7. Current fiscal year 2020-21 Special Revenue Fund budget shall be amended to include ARPA revenues in the amount of \$6.2 million and appropriated for the activities in Section 2 above.
8. Within five (5) days after adoption of this ordinance, the Town Clerk shall file a copy of this grant funding project ordinance with the Finance Director.
9. This Ordinance is effective upon adoption by the Carrboro Town Council.